[27th July 1953

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise."

Extension of electricity to Chittoor district.

* 1138 Q.—SRI R. B. V. SUDARSANA VARMA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend electricity from Sholinghur in North Arcot district to Palliput, Karvetnagar and Puttur in Chittoor district;

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands; and

(c) if not, will the Government consider the scheme of such extension?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (a) above.

" (c) Supply to Puthur is covered by a major scheme for extension of supply from Arkonam-Nagari-Kalahasti extension sanctioned by the Government in May 1951. According to a scheme sanctioned in February 1952 supply to Karvetnagar will be given by an extension from Puthur after the Puthur Sub-Station materialises and supply to Palliput will be given by an extension from Nagari. These schemes could not be taken up for execution for want of funds."

9-30 a.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" Now the time is 9-30. There are four more questions. We shall take up questions for five more minutes and finish them."

Supply of electricity to Penukonda taluk.

* 1139 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHINARAYANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend supply of electric power to Penukonda taluk, Anantapur district?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A scheme for supply of electricity to Penukonda town is under consideration."

Repairs to irrigation channels in Visakhapatnam district.

* 1140 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department of Visakhapatnam district, made a request to the Government for additional staff for carrying out repairs to and maintenance of major irrigation channels in estates recently taken over in Visakhapatnam district; and

(b) if so, whether and when the Government propose to comply with the request?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Proposals for additional staff have been received recently from the Chief Engineer and are under the consideration of the Government."

Famine conditions in Pudukkottai subdivision.

* 1141 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were made in November and December 1952, and January 1953 by the member for Pudukkottai constituency to the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue regarding the deteriorating economic and famine conditions in Pudukkottai subdivision of Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) what were the steps taken on such representations;

(*c*) whether the Tamil Nad Congress Committee President has made representations regarding famine conditions in the above Pudukkottai area;

(*d*) if so, when; and

(*e*) what action the Government have taken on the representations of the President of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Representations made by the Member for Pudukottai constituency in December 1952 and January 1953 regarding the deteriorating economic and famine conditions in Pudukottai subdivision of Tiruchirappalli district were received by the Government. The representation said to have been made by the hon. Member in November 1952 was not however received.

" (*b*) In Kolathur and Tirumayam taluks, 44 Minor Irrigation Works amounting to Rs. 1,37,655 have been sanctioned. Action was taken by the Collector for the supply of sufficient qauntity of milo and jower to Pudukottai division. Collection of kist was postponed till the end of March 1953 in Kolathur and Thirumayam taluks and the Collector was also directed not to take coercive steps for the collection of the arrears relating to fasli 1361 and also arrears of loans in the affected areas till March 1953. The Government did not consider it necessary to postpone the collection of kist in Alangudi taluk as requested by the Member in his representation, dated 28th January 1953. Land Revenue remission has also since been granted in the affected areas in Pudukottai Division.

" (*c*) No representation from the President, Tamil Nad Congress Committee regarding famine condition in Pudukottai area has been received by the Government.

" (*d*) & (*e*) Do not arise."